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PG candidates debate at Down

Candidates for the office of Mayor of Pacific Grove and City Council will be subjected to questions from voters at the Pacific Grove Candidates' Debate, Thursday, Oct. 3, 7-8:30 pm at Robert H. Down School, 485 Pine Avenue, PG.

The Mayoral candidates are Sandra L. Koffman (incumbent) and Daniel P. Miller (writer).

Councilmember candidates are: Marilyn Bell (retired), James W. Costello (incumbent/teacher), Morris G. Fisher (retired bank executive), and Christie Bailey Martine (housewife/business owner).

The debate will be moderated by longtime Pacific Grove attorney Brian Gill and answers will be timed by Peter Woodruff of the City of Pacific Grove.

Each candidate will given a two-minute introduction opportunity, followed by responses to questions from the public.

Beacon 10K race attracts thousands

The 15th annual Monterey Bay Run for the Beacon starts at 9 am on Sunday, Sept. 29 and is expected to draw some 1,500 runners and race-walkers, plus about 2,000 spectators. It's the largest footrace of its type on the Monterey Peninsula and is a TAC-certified event.

The 10-k /five-k race will start at Lovers Point Park in Pacific Grove, proceed down Ocean View Blvd., past the golf course and Asilomar, looping around on Asilomar Ave., back to Ocean View and a return to the start/finish line. More than 100 volunteers will help.

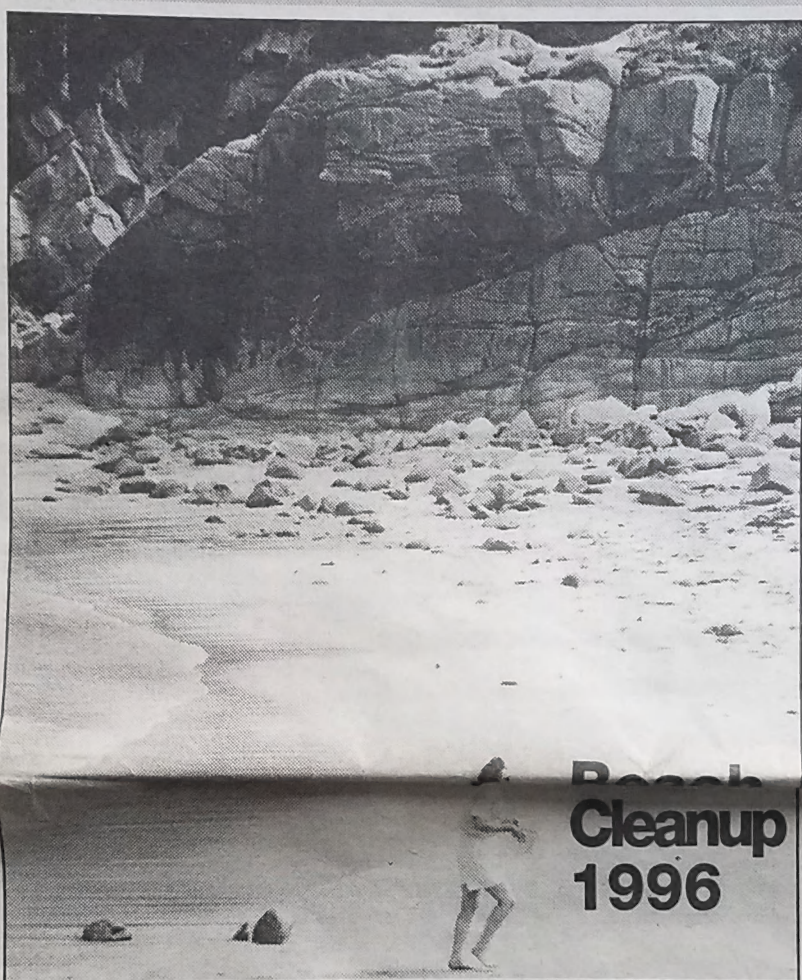
All proceeds from the race go to benefit the Beacon House, an alcohol and substance abuse recovery program in Pacific Grove.

REGISTRATION is \$17 prior to race day and \$20 on the 29th, when registration will be held from 7 am to 8:30 am.

Age groups for the 10-K are 12-under, 13-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, and 70+. Awards will be given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in female and male categories.

The Five-K Run/Walk starts at 9 am and awards go to the top five finishers for both female and male.

A special 1/4 mile and 1 mile race for kids will start at 8:15 am, prior to the regular race. The kids' fun run is for ages 12 and under and each participant must complete registration forms and have the signature of a parent or guardian. The \$5 registration fee includes a kids T-shirt. Call the Race Director, Dan Gearhart, at 899-1570 or the Beacon House at 372-2334.



Trash pickings net strategy

by Janis Cain

Inspiration for future perspiration has been found amongst the trash picked up during the 1996 Beach Cleanup sponsored by California State parks.

Because one member of his Sept. 21 cleanup crew reportedly found a winning lotto ticket near the Coast Guard Pier, Supervising Ranger Dave Dixon says future plans may call for 25 lotto tickets in individual bottles, to be stashed amongst the trash at each of the 25 cleanup sites along the local shoreline. It's one way to attract more volunteers.

"I'd like to see 10 times as many volunteers next time," Dixon told the Beacon. "A brainstorming session turned up the idea of the lottery tickets."

Some 1400 volunteers turned out to pick up 6,624 pounds of trash and 1,386.5 pounds of recycle products—from Zmudowski State Beach, to the north, to Garrapata State Park to the south.

City of Monterey at Wharf Two attracted the highest number of volunteers; 214 picked up 850 pounds of trash and 177 pounds of recycle.

At Lovers Point, 22 teamed up to collect 40 pounds of trash and 15 pounds

of recycle material. On the one-mile stretch of Asilomar at Rocky Shores, 48 pounds of trash and just 1.5 pounds of recycle was picked up by 28 volunteers. Meanwhile, the one-mile Moss Beach area of Asilomar netted 109 pounds of trash and 37 pounds of recycle, collected by 63 volunteers. At Pebble Beach, 41 volunteers found 15 pounds of trash and two pounds of recycle on five miles of sand.

In addition to the report of a winning lottery ticket, identifiable items found included metal fencing, prescriptions, fireworks, the bottom half of a woman's bikini, the front half of a TV set, an outboard engine, bath and shower gel from a cruise line (Maxim Gorky, made in Italy), unopened beer (which, had it been cold, may have rivaled the lotto ticket for score of the day), five-gallon plastic buckets, men's underwear, several deceased sea lions, one shopping cart, large quantities of cigarette butts, nails, glass, a boat bumper, propane tank, 5-lb metal containers for freon gas, Oreo cookies, golf tees, shotgun shells, a toilet seat with holding tank, a car alarm key and a golf cart seat at the 9th hole.

Future of middle school, civic center on Monday agenda

by Janis Cain

What promises to be a significant discussion between the Pacific Grove City Council and the School District is scheduled for Monday, September 30, 6 pm at the Sally J. Griffin Senior Center, 700 Jewell Avenue.

The School District is wrestling with cost-saving measures, including one plan to consolidate the middle school and high school on the high school campus. At the same time, the City is hoping to build a civic center complex with new Council Chambers and City offices. A move is also underway to find suitable senior citizen housing in the downtown area, possibly at the middle school.

On the agenda for the Monday evening meeting are the questions:

A. Should the civic center plan, currently being considered by the City of Pacific Grove, include space for the PGUSD Administrative Offices?

B. Is the PGUSD receptive to the use of excess School District property, for the City of Pacific Grove?

C. How can the City of Pacific Grove assist the PGUSD in creating a sustainable revenue stream for maintenance and repair of facilities?

D. What types of maintenance and operations activities can be shared between the City of Pacific Grove and the PGUSD for efficiency and cost effectiveness?

E. What is the PGUSD's strategy for future consolidation of school facilities?

F. How can the City of Pacific Grove assist the PGUSD in creating "safe ways" to school (e.g. sidewalks, traffic control)?

The meeting will be opened and closed by Mayor Sandy Koffman and School Board President Mike Armstrong. Questions will be introduced by Superintendent Barry Schimmel and/or City Manager Michael Huse.

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Council Action

Grove senior housing on fast track

by Neill Gardner

Although a sparse crowd was entertained by a skeleton City Council, some members of the audience must have gone away pleased with what their leaders had wrought at the Sept. 18 session at the Community Center.

Mayor Sandra Koffman was called away by the death of her mother-in-law,

Councilman Bob Davis was on vacation and Councilman James Costello had to leave early, leaving Acting Mayor Vern Yadon with a small crew to manage.

Councilman Steve Honegger impressed Council with the progress his Senior Housing Committee has made. "We want this to happen," Honegger said, urging Council to "make it a high priority."

Honegger introduced SHC member Sandra Forman, who said public workshops, interviews with seven potential partners in senior housing and site reviews could result in the committee's bringing a proposal before the Council as early as January 1997.

Dennis Boehlje, the city's staff representative for the SHC, told Council that preferential treatment for Pacific Grove residents is not a problem. Boehlje was responding to comment from Dan Miller, a candidate for mayor in the November election.

Councilman Robert Huitt lauded the committee for its efforts, saying Pacific Grove has become a "can do" town.

Council accepts affordable housing audit

At its Sept. 18 session City Council accepted an audit of Affordable Housing funds prepared by Clyde W. Brown Associates, although Georgia Grothe claimed the audit was "inadequate."

Grothe said she wanted to know how much money was in the AHC at the moment. She thought all repaid money should go back into the fund and she wondered, "Have we lost \$300,000?"

Peter Woodruff, the city's administrative services director, said part of the money had gone toward costs of administering the loans. When Councilman Robert Huitt asked point blank, "Have we lost \$300,000?" Woodruff said "No."

Clyde Brown, who audited the AH books, said it had been a difficult task because of changing systems between early days of the program and the present. "We did the best we could," he said.

A report signed by City Manager Mike Huse said, "virtually every transaction for the past ten years was reviewed and all of the outstanding loans were verified from source documents."

According to the report, AH funds as of June 30, 1995 stood at \$617,000. It

lauds Vicky Lewis, a Realtor member of the AHC, Assistant Finance Officer Carlos Olvera and Clyde Brown for "going beyond the scope of normal audit work."

City will try to buy from local merchants

After several local businessmen expressed frustration because the city patronizes out-of-town firms, City Council has agreed to make a greater effort to do business with hometown entrepreneurs.

Peter Drakes, who operates Pete's Auto Body, said he thought the city should "at least get a bid" on police and fire department vehicular repair. "If we're not low, O.K.," Drakes said.

Central Coast Silkscreen's Len Chodosh said he felt he had a better chance to get city business in Santa Cruz than in Pacific Grove. He presented a Santa Cruz brochure aimed at making it easier for local merchants to get the city's business.

Connie Perry, representing the Chamber of Commerce, said the city should urge general contractors to use local subcontractors where possible.

Acting Mayor Vern Yadon said department heads were constrained by budgets. "They have to make every dollar go as far as possible," Yadon said.

City Manager Mike Huse said the amount of sales tax involved would be used as a factor in evaluating bids. Councilman Robert Huitt said he thought local businesses should be given every opportunity and made aware that they have a chance at city purchases.

Councilman Steve Honegger said he had been impressed at the cooperative attitude of local businesspeople during construction of the Youth Center. He said they deserve an advantage over the competition. Councilman James Costello said he thought it "criminal" to bypass local firms. He moved make it policy for department heads to buy in Pacific Grove when possible. Honegger seconded the motion.

In other action, Council: Set Oct. 9 closed session to evaluate city manager and city attorney performance. A second session with the two individuals present was set for Oct. 22. Tentatively.

Introduced Steve Leiker, new superintendent of public works.

Set Oct. 3 date for joint meeting with the Museum board at the Community Center at 6 p.m.

Continued consideration of RH zoning ordinance if necessary. Huitt said there had been no input from staff and he could see no urgency. Connie Perry asked for a new notification to property owners "in layman's language."



Mayor Koffman

Mayor reflects on two busy years

by Neill Gardner

"We haven't been sitting on our hands," said Mayor Sandra "Sandy" Koffman. "This Council has very consciously listened to the entire community. It has been fiscally responsible and still managed to provide and improve the nuts and bolts responsibilities of municipal government."

Koffman, proud of the town's new Youth Center, cites its use by 80 youngsters a day and 200 to 400 attendees at dances as vindication for Council's determination to get it built, despite carpings from some quarters during the early days of her administration.

Koffman, a Chicago native, was a theater major at Loyola University. She managed a restaurant and night club ("the music was mostly jazz") in that city before moving to Pacific Palisades in 1976.

She operated a women's specialty store in Pacific Palisades. "I like to remember it as a sort of mini Saks Fifth Avenue," she said.

Since moving to Pacific Grove in 1990, Sandy and Dan have operated Bottomline, an advertising agency, from their home. Taking advantage of communications technology now available, they are able to conduct the international business with very little face to face contact.

With the wealth of linguists available on the Monterey Peninsula, they have little trouble with translation. "We can fax out copy and have it returned very shortly in whatever language is required," she said.

Koffman would rather talk about the town's future than about her past. "The Youth Center demonstrated that we can bring the generations together. We're talking to each other."

Asked about outgoing Councilmen Vern Yadon and Terrence Zito, Koffman said, "I'm going to miss them. They sometimes held different viewpoints, but we proved that Council could still work together."

Koffman sees nothing unreasonable about the frequent appearance of former elected officials at Council meetings. "They have experience and expertise to offer. And I think they realize that the sitting Council must act on its own convictions."

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Pacific Grove's victorian home tour is Oct. 13

Pacific Grove residents and businesses invite you to step back into a gentler time and join them for the 27th annual Victorian Home Tour on Sunday, October 13, from 10am to 4pm.

Some of the "Last Home Town's" award-winning homes, businesses, bed & breakfast inns, and churches will be featured and open to the public, along with the recently refurbished and decorated Pt. Pinos Lighthouse.

The tour begins at the PG Chamber of Commerce Office, at the corner of Forest and Central Avenues where guidebooks may be purchased for \$10 containing a map of structures and information. The booklet is your pass to visit each home.

Costumed docents will greet visitors with a history of each location. Homes and other structures on the tour will include the following residences:

109 - 15th Street, Christie and Gordon Martine.

122 - 15th Street, Lisa and Scott Nickerson.

306 - 3rd Street, John and Carol King.

502 Lobos Street, Lynne Harter.

502 Granite Street, Scott and Linda Gonzales.

747 Short Street, Ken and Margery Hinshaw.

The Pt. Pinos Lighthouse is reached by driving west to the end of Lighthouse Avenue, make a right turn on Asilomar at the Cemetery and an almost immediate left (West) into the Lighthouse parking lot.

The following historic business buildings in Pacific Grove will be on the tour:

Centralla Inn, a beautifully restored 19th Century boarding house on Central Avenue at 17th Street.

Old Grove Laundry, a building constructed in the 1920's recently restored and remodeled for two interior landscape and entertainment businesses, plus two residences, on Lighthouse Avenue at 15th Street.

Heritage Society Barn, an original 19th Century wood barn now headquarters for the PG Heritage Society, located on Laurel between 16th and 17th Streets.

The Little Red House, a residence built in the 1920's now housing a cafe at street level and a nursery in the basement, located at 662 Lighthouse Avenue.

Beneficiaries of the home tour admission include the PG Heritage Society, the Pacific Grove Art Center, and the Chamber of Commerce. For more information contact the Chamber at 373-3305.

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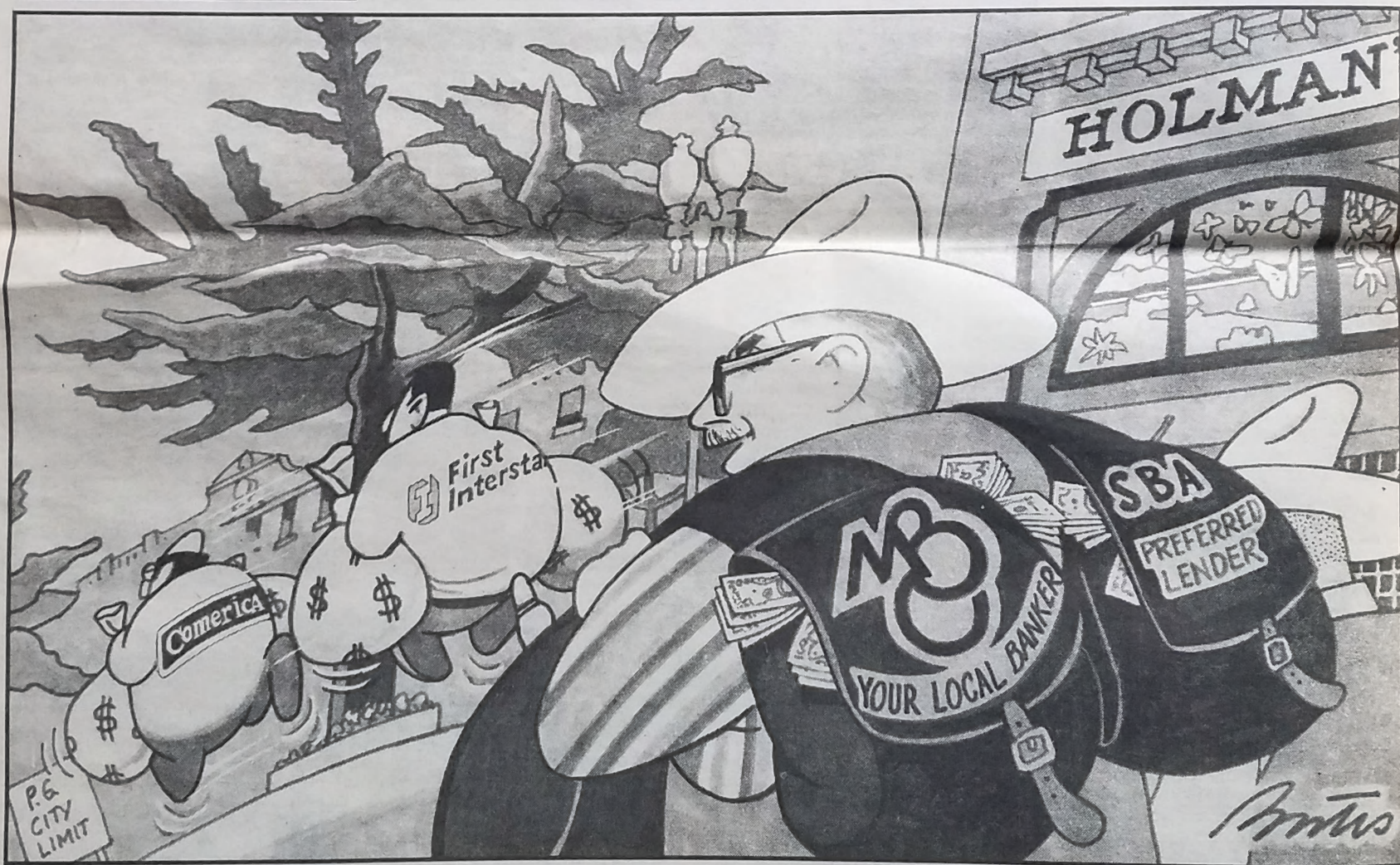
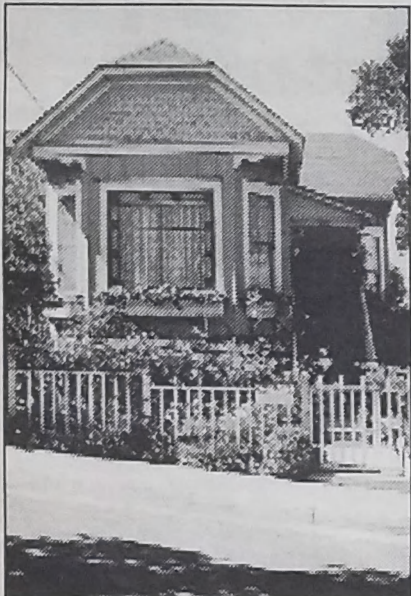
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VICTORIAN TOUR STOP — Style and craftsmanship abound in Grove Homscapes, the former Grove Laundry building, at 472 Lighthouse Avenue, which has been restored to a grandeur its 1920's-era original never knew. The dramatic new handmade staircase and unique decor will be revealed during the Sunday, Oct. 13 Victorian Home Tour.

Leach updates PG Rotarians on history and plans at golf course

by Eric Colby

Mike Leach, superintendent of Pacific Grove's municipal golf course, lunched with Rotarians two weeks ago and chatted about the course's history, past and recent improvements, and answered questions.

"Babe," a border collie and the newest employee hired by the City, is trained to herd birds instead of sheep. She will soon be on "coot patrol" around Crespi Pond in an effort to encourage the birds to find another place to hang out in Pacific Grove between October and February.

Leach wasn't certain what results this last ditch effort could achieve before the City had to move the golf course somewhere else.

The PG Links opened in 1930 with the first nine holes designed by golf course architect Chandler Eagen. The land was sold to the City for \$5 by Pacific Improvement Co. (a subsidiary of Southern Pacific Railway) then managed

by Samuel F.B. Morse.

The clubhouse was located at what now is the site of the Sally Griffen Senior Center on Jewell Avenue.

In 1960, according to Leach, an agreement was made by the US Coast Guard to lease the land for the present back nine holes to the City. The Coast Guard owned all of Pt. Pinos since the 1870's when the Lighthouse was built.

Earliest recorded records still available on the golf course operation were discovered by Leach in a letter dated 1948 saying that green fees were 50 cents and 35 cents for servicemen. Operating expenses were \$18,500 with \$20,000 shown as income.

Today's income from the golf course is about \$1.3 million. Over 9,500 rounds were played last fiscal year.

Besides the ongoing maintenance and redesign of greens, the largest recent improvement at the Links is installation of a \$200,000 computerized irrigation system operated from Leach's office.

Ongoing maintenance involves replacement of grasses that are not indigenous or are not ideal for golf play. This includes removal of ice-plant and other erosion-control grasses introduced years ago by the California Highway Department.

New developments foreseen by Leach are future ownership of the back nine and use of reclaimed water from Pebble Beach.

The Coast Guard properties at Pt. Pinos are being transferred to NOAA whose Monterey Bay operations have been moved from Cannery Row into the old Coast Guard Reserve station on Lighthouse at Asilomar Avenue. And the City could fall heir to title of the back nine as a gift.

The prospect of using reclaimed water for the golf course is on the horizon, according to Leach. Pebble Beach Co. has expressed interest in selling reclaimed water it is bringing to Poppy Hills Golf Course from the reclamation plant at the mouth of the Carmel River.

To bring water to PG Links from Poppy Hills might cost \$1.5 million per mile, said Leach.

Community auction at Chautauqua Hall

The 9th Annual Community Auction in Pacific Grove will be held Tuesday evening, October 15, at Chautauqua Hall.

Auctioneer is Craig Hemphill of the Auction House at Asilomar on Sunset Avenue in Pacific Grove.

Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce this event includes a barbecue dinner live entertainment, and both silent and live auctions.

Activity begins at 5pm with music by jazz singer Marianne Randl of Pacific Grove and a chicken/hamburger barbecue dinner in Elmarie Dyke Park, and silent auction bidding indoors.

Over 140 gift certificates, products and services donated by members of the PG Chamber of Commerce.

Admission is \$12 and includes dinner and entertainment. Chautauqua Hall is located on 17th Street at Central Avenue.

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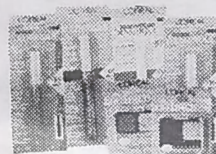
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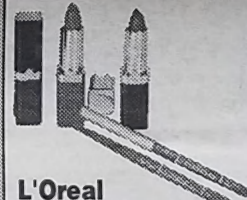
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Chamber appoints two new directors to board

Yuriko Weathers and Richard Gray are newly appointed directors of the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce. They replace Todd and Mary Jo Morton Cain, who resigned after serving for two years.

Yuriko, vice-president of Retail for the Pebble Beach Company, has lived on the Peninsula since 1974 and has been affiliated with the hospitality industry since 1977.

The Retail Division of Pebble Beach Company encompasses 12 stores including golf shops, gift shops, delicatessens, a gas station and a pharmacy. During the past three years the company has opened a market-deli on Sunset Drive in Pacific Grove and an apparel shop at Cannery Row.

Yuriko is married to Lacy Weathers and the couple have a son Jonathan, a freshman at PG High.

Richard Gray moved to Pacific Grove in 1993 with his wife Connie and two daughters Jillian (now a student at Boston College) and Jayce, a third grader at Robert Down School.

Richard is the co-founder of Virtual Destinations Monterey Bay in 1993, an Internet access provider which has since merged with InfoHut, Inc.

In the '60's Gray created Hallmark General Corp which in 1968 founded and trademarked "The Waterbed Warehouse" in Southern California. In the 1970's he sold and moved to Lake Tahoe and founded "Tahoe Woodmasters," a building and investment company. He became involved in local politics. Since 1983 Richard has worked for two congressional candidates and multiple statewide candidates as well as two presidential candidates.



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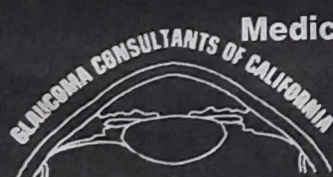
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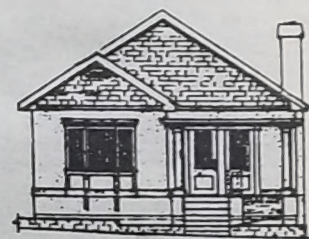
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Water Board flush with rebate money

Rebates of up to \$200 per household are available to property owners who replace their toilets with low flow models.

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Board has approved a \$190,000 rebate program, available to the first 1,000 single family or apartment units participating in the program. The effort is expected to 30-50 acre feet of water each year.

The Water Board is working with plumbers, wholesalers, Realtors and property owner groups to explain compliance details. Only ultra-low flow toilets — those using 1.6 gallons per flush — qualify, and only those who are not already required to retrofit in compliance with existing regulations may participate.



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Fulina Chinese Kitchen, 1184G Forest Avenue. Owned by Edward and Kitty Yeung, Fulina is a small, cozy, family-style restaurant. Both the lunch and dinner menu's many selections, including Mongolian beef, lemon chicken, Hunan beef, orange peel chicken, and Szechwan shrimp are reasonably priced. The wine list is simple but includes different California varietals.

German Motorwerks, 95 Central Avenue, Pacific Grove. Owned by John and Linda Orehek, specializes in BMW, Mercedes, VW, Audi, Volvo and Mazdas. Family owned and operated, it offers military, student, and senior discounts.

Lasting Memories, 566 Lighthouse, Pacific Grove. Olivia and Michael Moti, offers a bridal registry, wedding planning, a full-service bridal department, unique gifts, porcelain and glassware rental, custom special-occasion apparel and accessories for all ages, and children's table etiquette classes. Lasting Memories also logos and custom designs on dishware for individuals and restaurants.

WAVE bus service will not be expanded for Summer 1997, following the recommendation of the Monterey Bay Air Pollution Control District to limit funding to \$200,000, rather than the \$300,000 requested. The 50% increase would have allowed the bus service to add new destinations for next year.

Real Estate Sales

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Pacific Grove

235 WALCOTT WAY: 387,500, James O. & Nina F. Degradia to Carol V. Cantwell.
OCEAN VIEW BLVD: \$780,000, Richard H. James Jr., to Peter S. and Lucile Fischer.
230 LOCUST ST: \$191,000, Jamaica Sinclair to Craig L. & Mary A. Noke.
405 GRANITE ST: \$299,000, Laurie J. Vaughn to Nathan & Noelle C. Blau.
1121 SEAVIEW AVE: \$315,000, Frank M. Hill to Danny H. & Lilia M. Gottfried.
1725 SUNSET DR: \$750,000, John M. & Daryl L. Lillie to Madeleine C. Wright.
156 EVANS AVE: \$182,000, Heidi M. Bower to Jamaica Sinclair.
726 GIBSON AVE: \$272,000, Ulrich D. and Erika E. Klettke to Harvey F. Bennett.
1105 HEATHER LANE: #101: \$269,500, Melissa S. Taylor to Barbara L. Corcoran.
770 PINE AVE: \$304,000, James H. Wilson to Michael J. and Eilene F. Peak.

Pebble Beach

2962 CLUB ROAD \$530,000, Gerard A. and Catherine A. Dube to James and Linda Broughton Tunney.
1013 WRANGLERS TRAIL: \$430,000, Myron H. and Barbara J. Hitchcock to Melvin W. and Lynn C. Webb II.
3113 STEVENSON ROAD: \$272,000, William W. and Connie J. Pringle to Edward F. and Tjuana J. Walker.
4036 EL BOSQUE DR: \$442,500, Larry J. and Elaine R. Barche to Richard Oh.

Monterey Bay Kayaks, 693 Del Monte Avenue, Monterey. Owned by Jeff and Cass Schrock, offers kayaking classes, guided tours, and rentals for the last 10 years. In addition to its water programs, offers 50-plus models of touring kayaks, related accessories, books, and videos.

Monterey County Bank, 542 Lighthouse, Pacific Grove. Presided over by Charles Chrietberg, Jr., this bank will open in the Holman building mid-November. The historical leader in SBA lending for Monterey County, MCB is the oldest locally owned bank and earned preferred SBA lender status in 1993 and is the only lender in the County than can approve an SBA loan in 48 hours.

SF Video, 930 Montgomery Street, San Francisco. Offers large-volume VHS, audiocassette, and CD-ROM duplication. The company has duplication facilities on both coasts and offers same-day custom quotes, video label and box printing, packaging, and fulfillment. SF Video specialized in video direct mail and offers 100% guaranteed quality.

Subway Sandwiches & Salads, 190 Country Club Gate Center, Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove. Owned by John Pieger, is national franchise, featuring deli-style sandwiches and salads prepared fresh to order. All sandwiches are served on fresh-baked white or wheat breads and include vegetables cut fresh each day.

Other new members: Back Porch Press, New Dawn Studio, Connie Sellard, Gene's Barber Shop, Monterey Bay SK8 Station, Monterey Peninsula Reservations, Optimist Club, Pacific Communications, PG Real Estate, The Racquet Club, The Little Red House Cafe, Miss Trawick's Garden Shop, Computerized Business Accounting, Gernot's, Lettersmith, Melac's, Rent-a-Roadster, New Monterey Apron Company.

Carla Martin named to anti-drug coalition

Carla Martin of Pacific Grove has been appointed as the Monterey/Salinas key market coordinator by Partnership for a Drug-Free California. An account executive at Armanasco Public Relations in Monterey, Martin will work with the local media to promote the organization's anti-drug messages to the public.

Partnership for a Drug-Free California is a state alliance program of the Partnership for a Drug-Free America, a non-profit, nonpartisan coalition of volunteers from every part of the communications industry including media, advertising agencies, production houses, talent guilds, research and public relations organizations.

The organization's mission is to decrease substance abuse in the state by influencing Californians' attitudes with media and advertising.

Armanasco Public Relations, Inc., an associate of Hill and Knowlton, Inc., is one of the largest privately-owned public relations firms on the Central Coast.

Call 372-2259 for further information.

As I see it.... by Dan Miller

Having lived in Pacific Grove for over 41 years there are many things I see that might be ignored by the person who has only lived here say six or seven years. Things that need to be started, fixed, changed or confronted, rather than be ignored.

TEENAGE SMOKING. It is illegal in Pacific Grove to sell cigarettes to someone under the age of eighteen. Why then is there no law against possessing tobacco if you're under eighteen? We care enough about the young people of our city to build them a half million dollar Youth Center, how about passing an ordinance that could save their lives?

FORT ORD REUSE. Okay, so it's not Pacific Grove, but neither is Rancho San Carlos and we seem to be preoccupied with what happens there. Fort Ord is still governmental land for the most part. To turn it into park land takes away no personal property rights from anyone.

SENIOR HOUSING. Currently the cause of the week, the well-being of the seniors of Pacific Grove should be a continuing concern. The problem comes when you try to house them all as a survey shows that 1,200 currently living in Pacific Grove would be interested in living in senior housing provided by the city. Current plans are to build housing for about 75 people. What about the others? Maybe senior housing at Fort Ord would be a solution with a daily shuttle that can bring people back and forth to visit their friends. In any case an on-call shuttle for the elderly of our town might be nice just as Park Lane has for its residents.

WINDMILLS FOR WATER. Wouldn't it be something to see windmills all along the golf course? I'm not talking about the ones you have to shoot your ball through, but the ones that could supply all the water needed for our courses from underwater springs. While we're at it, what about wells for anyone that want to pay for one to be dug to ease some of our water problems?

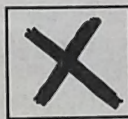
ENTITLEMENTS. Why doesn't our congressman see to it that we are an entitlement city and get a yearly check from the federal government for affordable and low income housing? Many of our neighboring cities get them and wouldn't it be nice if we too could plan on a steady flow of assistance so we could plan ahead?

PROPOSITION 172 MONEY. Remember this proposition that continues the sales tax raise that we all voted for as the money was supposed to go to the Police and Fire departments? It is believed that this tax raises about \$750,000 a year from Pacific Grove and our Police and Fire departments get back less than a tenth of that. When we wonder where we'll get the money for our new fire trucks here's the answer.

PINE STREET. What's the deal with Pine Street? How about some islands with nice flowers and trees? What a beautiful looking boulevard this could be. Otherwise maybe we could hold drag races on it every Sunday. Is this a waste of blacktop or is it just me? Ever had a traffic backup on Pine? Maybe we should form a committee to study this.

COMMITTEES. We should have an ordinance against any more committees. Do you realize that the pond down there by the ocean, where I've lost a hundred golf balls, has its own committee. It seems that the City Council has such a hard time making a decision on anything they form a committee that studies the issue for ever. A few weeks ago one of the council members even asked where a particular committee was on the issue it was studying and he's on that committee. This is the only city that if the police department requested a drug sniffing dog they'd form a committee to decide whether it should be spayed or neutered.

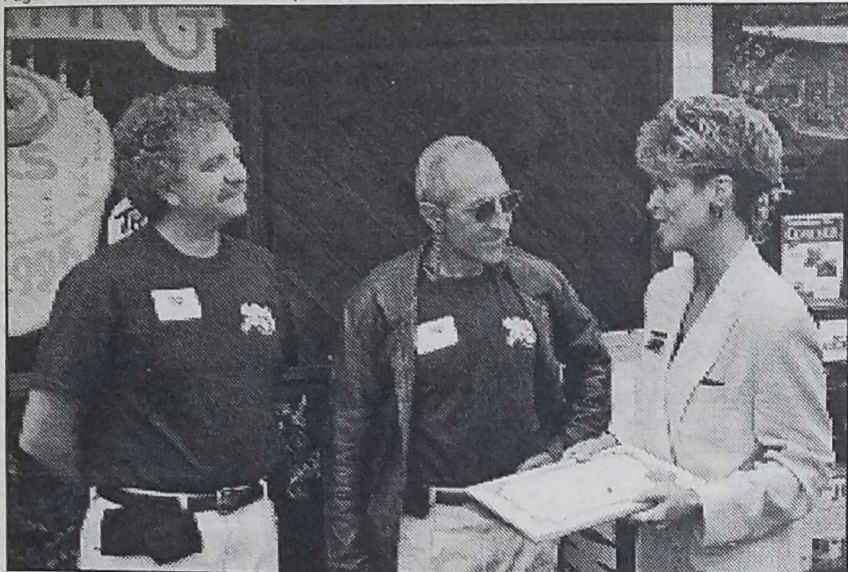
ORDINANCES. Get out your tape measures. This is a city of ordinances very few of which are enforced. Did you know it's illegal to have more than one garage sale a year and you have to have a permit for the one you have? You also can't put up signs for the sales off premises. Lately I've seen signs nailed to trees in back of the post office and even on a tree in the median in the heart of Downtown. Come on people. It's also illegal to park on the sidewalks or have flags flying at your house that aren't of a governmental entity. (No, the Raiders and the 49ers aren't). And if you want to get into business signage forget it. The town would be closed down. And don't even get me started on the tree ordinance. Why have the ordinances if they aren't enforced? I think it might just be a conspiracy to keep me in line as I know if I ignore them one time there'll be a knock on my door.



MILLER
FOR MAYOR OF PACIFIC GROVE
Miller for Mayor Committee, 501 Gibson Avenue, Pacific Grove



DAN MILLER



HAPPY DAYS FOR BAGEL GUYS -- Pacific Grove Mayor Sandy Koffman presented an anniversary proclamation to Bagel Bakery owners River Gurtin, left and Bill Leone.

Bagel Bakery celebrates 20th Anniversary with donations to charities, bagel poetry, art

by Tia Gindick

Before Mayor Sandy Koffman made the move from Southern California to Pacific Grove, she and her husband had to be assured there was a good source for fresh bagels. "Then we discovered the Bagel Bakery, so we knew we were meant to live here."

At least that's the story Mayor Koffman told Bagel Bakery owners Bill Leone and River Gurtin as she presented a City of Pacific Grove Proclamation honoring the business on the occasion of its 20th anniversary this month. Leone and Gurtin reciprocated with a check for \$191.86 made out to the Pacific Grove Youth Center. (As part of its month-long celebration, The Bagel Bakery had designated the second Wednesday in September as Mayor's Day and would donate a portion of the Pacific Grove Bakery's gross proceeds for the day to the non-profit organization of the Mayor's choice.)

In the Bagel Poetry competition, another event in the Anniversary Celebration, Lynn Rambach of Pacific Grove placed 3rd out of more than 100 entries with her ode to the bagel. Pacific Grove was the site of the first Bagel Bakery. This location was chosen, Gurtin-Leone revealed during the Mayor's Day celebration, because their research indicated that "this was the center of the Peninsula's bagel-buying population." When the store first opened — in September 1976 — it was the only place between Los Angeles and San Francisco to find fresh bagels. Today, the Bagel Bakery has additional stores in New Monterey, Old Monterey, Carmel, South Salinas and Salinas-Northridge.

As an anniversary year, the 20th has been fairly spectacular. Last month, the Bagel Bakery catered lunch for the President's Motorcade and the Press Corps during Mr. Clinton's visit to Salinas. Next month, the Bagel Bakery will relocate its Pacific Store to a new, much larger location just down the street.

Leone was a high school English teacher when he and River Gurtin, bound by their shared passion for New York-style bagels, determined that it wasn't enough to live in a beautiful locale if you couldn't have bagels every day. Deciding to go into the Bagel business for themselves, the two invaded New York's closed world of bagel-making to research the product.

Over the next 20 years, Gurtin and Leone would stay on top of the bagel scene. New products have been introduced every year. Their corporate vision? Consistent, quality delivery of the classic New York style bagel — but on a menu that is uniquely Californian in its emphasis on health-conscious foods.

As the City of Pacific Grove's proclamation noted, the business style of Gurtin and Leone has always been ahead of its time. Smoking has never been allowed in any of the stores. Not only do they push for recycling, but they pay a bonus to employees who use alternative transportation. They also decided from the beginning that local involvement was vital and so regularly provide bagels, funds and gift certificates for the area's many festivals, fairs and fund-raisers.

They've also been ahead of their time with their management style which in today's parlance is called team empowerment. Employees in each store are responsible for their own purchases, budgets, marketing and profit-sharing. Bagel Bakery employees receive medical, dental and vision insurance as well as 401 K plans and vacation pay. That is in addition, of course, to free bagels.

FITNESS CORNER

The big muscle myth

by Ken Green

The question I am most asked by my women clients is, "Am I going to get big muscles on this exercise program?" This question is usually based on what these clients have seen on television.

Women body builders have reached epic proportions and freaky muscularity with biceps that most men would die for. The potential woman client views this circus and is immediately turned off by weight training.

Let me clear the air on this subject. These top women body builders spend years, and three to four hours a day, training with maximum resistance. In the off season they consume huge amounts of calories, supplements and muscle enhancing products. They are expert on gaining lean muscle and eliminating fat. These women simply take muscle building into another dimension. Prior to a contest, they go on a diet of 800 to 1000 calories a day and strip the fat to expose ripped lean muscle. All of this takes an enormous amount of weight lifting and incredible discipline.

Free weight training — combined with cardio-vascular workouts three times a week for one hour, using sensible weights and high repetitions — will produce a beautifully toned physique. Using common sense will keep you in the optimum feminine zone.

Be sure you have proper instruction before you take the first step towards being fit for life. Remember, doing 15 to 20 repetitions of an exercise builds definition and tones muscle. Lifting maximum weights to failure — six to eight repetitions — builds size and bulk.

So, if you're working out at home with those little weights you bought at your local sporting goods store, keep the reps



Remember, Mr. Trainer, I don't want big muscles...

high and your form perfect. You will look like Cindy Crawford rather than Miss Olympia.

Ken Green is owner and personal trainer at his Studio One-On-One in New Monterey. 372-0221.

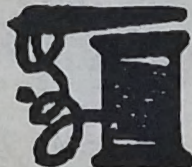
There is nothing so wasteful as doing that efficiently which need not be done at all.

- PETER F. DRUCKER



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Bleachers workday tomorrow, 9-noon

by Art Alexander

The Pacific Grove Kiwanis Club is coordinating a community-wide effort to repair and restore the bleachers at Pacific Grove High School. The next scheduled work date is tomorrow, Saturday, September 28, 9 am to noon.

Work planned for that date is removing the planks from a section of the bleachers and replacing any rotten or damaged wood. Any reusable wood will be put back.

PG Kiwanis Club President Sherry Sands initiated the project and invited members of PG PRIDE, Breakers Boosters Club, Music Boosters, PTA, PG High athletes, students, and their parents and the Pacific Grove Fire Department to participate. All work is performed by volunteer help and materials are provided through community support.

Kiwanis, service clubs, students and community volunteers turned out for the three scheduled work parties held in the

spring and summer. These volunteers dug footings and constructed forms for reinforced foundations, built dikes for erosion control, cleared drainage pipes, graded earth, removed trash and started reconstruction of the bleachers.

Pacific Grove Fire Department volunteers poured concrete for new foundations. The concrete, wood and other materials is being purchased with monies from fund-raisers and community donations. Most suppliers, such as Hayward Lumber, are providing supplies at cost.

The first fundraiser, a barbecue and silent auction held in June, provided \$2,100 in net proceeds and \$250 has been received from individual donations. These amounts together with an anticipated \$1,500 grant from Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha District Foundation total \$3,850 or 28% of the anticipated funds. All together, an estimated \$14,000 will be needed and future fund raisers are planned.

Future work events will be scheduled about once a month. People willing to volunteer time are encouraged to turn out for these work parties. Donations are welcome and should be sent to the Pacific Grove Kiwanis Club. Call Fran Avakian at 375-0109 for further information.

Building Fund gets \$60,000 from Friends

The Pacific Grove Library Building Fund is \$60,000 richer after a two-year fund-raising effort by the Friends of the Library. The fund raising committee has been chaired by Jean Baker, and assisted by Dorothea Sallee, Don Gasperson, Gary Bales, Jim Hughes, Mara Sohn, Susan Whitman, Erica Howe, John McElhone, and Richard Stillwell.

Recent figures indicate donations, grants, sale of the Seale Collection, and the City's General Fund Budget have produced a total of \$512,000 for the Library's Building Fund in less than four years.

Chef teaches series

Chef Angelo Buffone, The Lodge at Pebble Beach, will teach a series of four cooking classes at the YWCA of the Monterey Peninsula on Monday evenings, Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28.

"Cuisine, Cuisine" will provide basic cooking skills, technique, tools, method and vocabulary.

Call the Y at 649-0834 for fees and scheduling.

Craft show scheduled

Crafters and non-profit agencies are invited to sell their wares at the Holiday on Jewell Avenue Bazaar, Saturday, November 9th.

Sponsored by Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula, the event benefits local nonprofits. To participate call 375-4454.



Frank Troia — a man on the go

by Art Alexander

Frank Troia never stands still. He's not hard to find though. Leave a message on his recorder and he will call back within an hour or so. Up at 4:30, he dresses and is out to coffee by 5. Frank has dedicated his life to community service and lowering his golf score.

Frank, raised in New York, came to Pacific Grove in 1939 to visit his uncle who got him as job as a carpenter. With war eminent, Frank joined the Army in 1939. When the war broke, Frank was experienced and was assigned to a special unit teaching squad tactics and hand to hand combat in camps throughout the U.S. He served in the South Pacific and was transferred to Hawaii to teach ROTC at the University of Hawaii until his discharge in 1945.

Back in Pacific Grove, Frank worked in several of the 15 small mom and pop grocery stores in the Grove. He helped his family establish the Troia Market. He soon tired of the confines of the store

Mayor Koffman reflects on term

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The mayor said she thinks Johnny Miller has "made every effort" to comply with the city's demand concerning his proposed home in Asilomar. "There seems to have been some confusion concerning lot coverage. I hope we can clarify that for future applicants."

City Attorney George Thatcher's decision that "demolition decisions must be made in a vacuum" causes Koffman some concern. She believes what's planned for a property should have some bearing on Council's decision.

Will Koffman eventually try for higher office? "I don't know what the future holds. I'm certainly interested in the regional concerns with water, Fort Ord, transportation and the hospitality industry."

Pressed for comment on a proposed senior citizen residential facility, Koffman said, "I really believe one will be built. But we have to have community support for the location, and find the best partner for its construction."

Koffman is certain of one thing. "There will be changes on the Monterey Peninsula." One is left with the impression that our mayor going to be involved with a good many of them. Julia Platt would be pleased.

and wanted to be out and about. Frank became a milkman with Carnation. He then went to Mission Creamery on Lighthouse, which later became Meadow Gold. He moved up to Regional Manager over all operations in Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties. Frank married a local girl, Antoinette Randazzo, and they had three sons. One son followed dad's footsteps and works for Berkeley Farms, a second owns Troia Ice Company and the third is an artist.

Pacific Grove Mayor Al Wells started Frank in community service in 1956 by sponsoring his membership in the Kiwanis Club. Frank retired in 1962, to devote his time and energy to community service and golf. He served as President of the PG Kiwanis Club in 1962. He chaired a number of committees over the years — Boy's and Girl's Activities — Agriculture and Conservation — Membership — Community Service. He served seven years on the Board of Directors. He enjoys working at the Pancake Breakfasts, Barbecues and the Kiwanis booth at the Fairgrounds. Over the years, Frank has brought 12 new members into Kiwanis.

As Chairman of the Community Services Committee, Frank is now leading the repair and restoration of the bleachers at Pacific Grove's Breakers Stadium. The High School bleachers are being dismantled, repaired and reconstructed, all by volunteer help and materials purchased with donations. "Call me if you can help with labor or donations," Frank says.

Frank served on the PG Recreation Commission 20 years, chairing it twice. Completion of the Community Center and four playgrounds took place during his tenure. He also worked for the American Red Cross, Heart Fund, American Cancer Society and United Way. For four years he volunteered at the Crosby Pro-Am Golf Tournament, in charge of ticket sales at Spyglass.

"Volunteerism and Community Service is a high priority," Frank says. "I have always been a community oriented person and try to get people more involved. Kiwanis is an ideal organization to accomplish this." He invites people interested in Kiwanis, the Bleacher Project, any of the services he has been involved in, or golf, to call him at 375-3853. "Leave a message. I will get right back to you," Frank says.

City issues \$1 million in building permits

Building fees tallied. Community Development reports that a total of 44 permits were issued during the month of August, with a valuation of over \$1 million. Fees collected in conjunction with the permits exceeded \$17,000.

The most active building category remains residential remodels as indicated by the 26 permits issued during the month. A total of 20 single-family dwelling permits were finalized during August with a value of nearly \$900,000. On the commercial side of things, there were 12 permits issued in August with a valuation of \$432,500, while eight permits were finalized with a value of over \$1 million.

Community Newsbriefs

Board opening. Persons with experience in the building industry are invited to apply for an opening on the City of Pacific Grove Architectural Review Board. Application forms are available at City Hall, 300 Forest Ave., and must be returned by 4:45 pm on Friday, Oct. 4. Call 648-3190 for details

Grove flag in Sacto. A flag collector named Rich Kenny has included a Pacific Grove flag in his exhibit of 100 California city flags now appearing at the California State Railroad Museum in Old Sacramento until October 14. It will then travel to the Fountain Suites Hotel in Sacto for the North American Vexillological Association convention. Figure that one out.

Best employee. Monday, September 30 is the deadline for submitting nominations for Pacific Grove city employee of the quarter. Nominations may be submitted by fellow employees, citizens, community organizations and city officials. The first recipients of this award have included Manuel Bettencourt, Judy MacClelland, Butch Andrews and Mike Wallace.

City Council meets next month at 6pm Wednesday, October 2 and 16 in the Community Center, on Junipero Avenue.

Rummage Sale. Oct. 4, 5 & 6. A large selection of goods and great prices is touted for this sale to benefit the Pacific Coast Center for Creative Living.

Household items, furniture, tools, hardware, garden tools, refrigerators, kitchen stuff galore. Also ladies fashions, accessories, shoes and costume jewelry; clothing for infants to teens and men's clothing too. Also computers, tons of books, toys, games, posters and more.

Location is 1135 Forest Avenue in Pacific Grove, across from the Sizzler. Hours are noon to 6 pm on Friday, 8 am to 6 pm on Saturday and 8 am to 2 pm on Sunday. From 2 to 3 pm on Sunday, unsold items will go for \$5 a bag.

SUBSCRIBERS' EDITION - LETTERS TO EDITOR

Letters to the Editor

Yes vote for E would limit sprawl

Editor:

Davi, Rancho San Carlos, and Pebble Beach Company: What do these three have in common? They are all for rapid build-out of our area. Davi the Realtor, the other two out of country entrepreneurs.

What else? They would all have us think otherwise! Davi now cloaks himself in the environment; Rancho San Carlos calls a gated-spread for the wealthy a "wild life preserve"; the Pebble Beach Company blatantly tells us the removal of 25,000 trees for yet another golf course is an "asset" for our community.

This is all deception of the first order. But now we have Measure "E" on the ballot which addresses this threat directly by forcing our Supervisors to honor the General Plan we adopted over 13 years ago. And where do all three of these stand on Measure "E"? Right again. They are all against it!

In November, vote for Measure "E" to stop urban sprawl. Vote for David Potter to get a people-oriented face on our Board. And vote against Rancho San Carlos to prevent this travesty of a "preserve."

Clark Beck
Monterey

Why care who recycles your trash

Editor:

In response to "Is nothing sacred?" (Letter to Editor, Beacon, 9/13/96) I have to say I've had the same problem while living in a neighboring town. My action was a little different, though.

Instead of being so shallow and narrow-minded to think my neighbor didn't need to be going through my trash, I made it easier by separating items marked with C.R.V.

Why would a "Pa-Grovia" be appalled by what is obviously an act of financial desperation? Have we become so detached from reality that we can't even see when a person needs help?!

Recycling is such a simple thing to do and it's probably helping your neighbor to make ends meet. By being such a prude, you're only kicking him/her while they're down. Opening your heart this tiny bit might make you less narrow-minded and more aware of life's problems.

Name Withheld by Request
Monterey

Praise for Triathlon and its directors

Dear Terry & Betsy Davis:

You did it again! What an outstanding event. On behalf of the business community, we thank you for planning and conducting the second Annual Triathlon at Pacific Grove. The event

was well-organized, managed, and attracted at least 2,500 visitors to America's last hometown. The response was positive from the downtown merchants, restaurants, and accommodation facilities.

We thank you for your effort, and rest assured of our support and commitment to your future events.

Moe Ammar
Executive VicePresident
Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce

Writer seeks news of George Hafner

Editor:

I would be grateful for some help. I am attempting to discover more about my family on my father's side.

They were originally German immigrants who came to the St. Louis area in the mid-1800's. Robert R. Hafner, my grandfather, was born around 1881 in Missouri and apparently ran away from home. I have located him in the 1920 US Census, living at 506 Monterey Avenue in Pacific Grove, married to Cora Tarbox, with a son named George D. Hafner. The Social Security Death Index records indicate that George was born June 15, 1914 and died in Monterey County on May 3, 1995. Quite possibly he died in Pacific Grove.

I would be grateful for any information that might help me fill in the family history.

Donald L. Hafner, Professor
Dept. Of Political Science
Boston College
Chestnut Hill, MA 02167

Stop hiway gridlock with canyon bypass

Editor:

A commentary published recently in the Pine Cone laments the deterioration "and uncontrolled land use planning" at the mouth of the Valley. One particular concern of his was the proliferation of Stop signs at the street intersections in Carmel-by-the Sea.

It is my understanding that these signs were necessary to slow down the commuters who go through Carmel to avoid the gridlock on Highway 1. The town of Carmel, years ago, asked the State to acquire the right-of-way through Hatton Canyon so that the through traffic could bypass Carmel and not clutter up the streets in town.

Sam Karas, Dave Potter, and a few Carmel residents helped delay the construction of the Hatton bypass. The result is that the streets of Carmel are now a main thoroughfare for commuters and even ambulances.

Jeff Davi supports the Hatton Parkway Bypass, which will relieve the congestion and allow the streets of Carmel to return to their previous village-like character. Vote for traffic relief on Nov. 5th. Relieve the traffic problem on Carmel Valley Road, and Highway 1 down the coast to Big Sur. Vote for Jeff Davi for 5th District Supervisor on Nov. 5. **Howard Waner**
Carmel

Davi supports river water conservation

Editor:

Jeff Davi, Candidate for 5th District Supervisor, supports the following plan to save water that now flows out to the ocean during the rainy season.

When the Carmel River aquifer is full, 60,000 acre feet of water flows out the Carmel River to the ocean. Instead, CalAm could pump water from the full Carmel River Aquifer to the Seaside Aquifer for underground storage. This water could then be used during the dry season.

The benefits are obvious. The plan is environmentally sensitive. It will help prevent saltwater intrusion and it will save precious water that is now running out to sea.

Jeff Davi supports this plan. For more water ideas, vote for Jeff Davi.

Alfred Cottingham
Carmel

Measure E would slow urban sprawl

Editor:

If it is wrong to characterize Jeff Davi as the "developer's candidate," why has Davi stated that if he "had to vote tomorrow," he would vote against Measure E?

Measure E is a protection against urban sprawl and overdevelopment. It simply requires the Board of Supervisors to enforce our current legal general plan and if they do not, new developments that would impact our water and quality of life in the county would go to the voters.

As the ad says, "Believe your eyes, not the developers. Stop urban sprawl!"

Martie Thummel
Salinas

Potter's records of foreclosure found

Editor:

Foreclosure sale of Dave Potter's spec home in Jacks Peak has been postponed to Oct. 7. Potter, a Monterey City Councilman and candidate for District 5 County Supervisor, has another month left until the foreclosure sale of his development on Jacks Peak. Potter borrowed over \$900,000 and stopped making payments. The property is also in default for unpaid property taxes.

For more information, call Bay Counties Foreclosure Services at 280-7767 and ask about Trustee Sale #96-33080.

In searching courthouse records, I have also found microfilm records of foreclosures against Potter in 1983 and 1992.

It seems to me that any voter would be concerned.

Joe Battilega
Carmel

Oops Beth Penney's name was misspelled in the 9/13/96 issue of the Beacon. We left out the second "e" in Penney and regret the error.

Potter's property in foreclosure

Editor:

As a community we have a right to know when our elected officials are not what they appear to be.

The Mayor of Sand City's \$60,000 bankruptcy. He is not alone. Dave Potter, Candidate for Supervisor and a City Councilman, is currently in foreclosure for over \$900,000 on one of the properties he developed in Jacks Peak. That's 15 times the amount Mayor Pendegrass owes. We are right to be concerned about the influence a man like this can have on the rest of the Peninsula through his involvement in the Water Management District and the Fort Ord Reuse Authority.

This concern should not be directed at Mayor Pendegrass, who is content in the City of Sand. The concern should be about the politician who is hoping to move up the ladder to County Supervisor: Dave Potter.

I urge everyone, regardless of your political beliefs, to do a little homework before you make your decision.

What are you afraid to find out?

Kim Klecak
Carmel

Farr report card due failing grade

Editor:

Sam Farr was a member of the freshman class of 1994 in Congress. Sam now asks for our vote to return him as a sophomore; therefore it is appropriate to examine his voting report card in order to decide whether he passes or should be expelled.

1. Balanced Budget Bill - voted against.
2. Constitutional Amendment for balanced budget - voted against.
3. Partial Birth Abortion - voted for.
4. Twelve-year term limits - voted against.
5. Welfare Reform Bill - voted against.
6. More money for prisons & police - voted against.
7. No tax increase without 3/5 majority - voted against.
8. Prohibit lobbying by groups receiving Fed Money - voted against.
9. Stop funding NEA obscene art/pornography - voted against.
10. Public benefits for homosexual marriage/domestic partners in Washington, D.C. - voted for.

In my book, Sam receives a failing grade in 10 out of 10 and should be expelled. What do you think?

John R. Savory
Pacific Grove

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SUBSCRIBERS' EDITION - EDITORIAL OPINION

Taking Another Look at RH

COUNCIL'S DECISION to take another look at RH zoning is among the more heartening things we have seen in recent times. For several reasons.

As Connie Perry said, most of the residents involved had little idea of the implications of the plan to eliminate RH zoning.

You can't expect people to turn out in droves if they are unaware of the implications of what Council is considering.

Perry is also correct when she protests

the fact that Council turned down the zone consolidation, then reopened the discussion without allowing her to comment.

Even more encouraging is the fact that Council has decided not to move in lock step with Flo Schafer and those who would weave a spider's web skein of laws that would tell every carpenter where to drive every nail.

That's good news for everyone in town. -- Neill Gardner

Foot in Mouth Disease

IN OUR most recent issue, we urged the Senior Housing Committee to hand off its problems to a partner and then get out of the way. We probably were premature. We certainly could have found a better way to say it.

There can be little doubt that the committee is one of the more productive organizations of its kind. Some of its members are more knowledgeable about the subject than anyone else in town. All seem to be willing to do whatever is asked of them in order to keep things moving along. If they found our comment offensive, we humbly apologize.

That said, we must repeat that the best thing the committee can do — when the time comes — is to disband. Actual construction and administration of senior housing must not be administered by City Hall. That can lead to politicking of the worst sort.

As Councilman Robert Huitt says, those of us who want to see things happen are sometimes impatient. That may or may not be a bad thing. On our part, we beg for understanding. Our clock may be ticking a little faster than Council's.

--Neill Gardner

Native American wisdom

Something is wrong with the white man's council. When the Micmac people used to have council, the old men would speak and tell the young men what to do -- and the young men would listen and do what old men told them to. The white men have changed that, too: Now the young men speak, and the old men listen. I believe the Micmac Council was far better. -- Peter Paul, 1865

Carmel church story brings protests

by Neill Gardner

Following a front page Carmel Pine Cone story concerning Carmel Presbyterian Church, fliers were placed on autos parked near the church and handed out to passersby on Sunday.

Calling it a "terrible" story, the handout asked readers to boycott advertisers and listed telephone numbers of 35 Monterey Peninsula businesses.

No signature was printed on the handouts, which also suggested protesting letters and phone calls to Publisher "Chip" Brown and Editor Doug Thompson.

"The article takes on the same character as church vandalism and burning. Which church will be attacked next?" the handout asked.

Referring to division in the CPC, the Pine Cone story suggested that the church was "operating like the Red Sea in the time of Moses," an allegation which the anonymous author of the flyer found offensive.

The Beacon scheduled an interview with Jon Wilson, the church's head of staff, in an effort to determine what involvement, if any, the church might have had with the fliers.

Wilson later canceled the meeting,

explaining that his attorney had advised him not to speak with the paper.

Beacon Publisher Eric Colby received threatening phone calls when this publication first broke the story concerning the appellate court decision favoring Wallace Getz in his lawsuit against CPC and Wilson.

Getz, a Pebble Beach resident and longtime Pacific Grove businessman, has charged that Wilson slandered him by saying he had a problem with alcohol, had been thrown out of a Pacific Grove church and had no spiritual base.

Problems arose when Getz, then a member of the CPC Foundation, protested continuing deficits in the church's operation. According to the August 1996 issue of "Tiebinder," a church newsletter, the red ink continues. It lists the current 1996 deficit at \$56,006.

Getz claims the church's expenditures have exceeded income every year since Wilson became head of staff, with deficits being made up with money from the Foundation. "They are playing games with the figures," he said.

The Beacon also wanted to ask Wilson about his salary package, which is reportedly over \$100,000 annually, in addition to which he occupies a \$780,000 Carmel Valley home, 75 percent of which is owned by the church.

Brigadoon by the Bay

by Eric Colby

Good work. The Triathlon held in Pacific Grove two weeks ago was a pleasant and smoothly organized event. Some 500 volunteers from the Grove, including many young people, were involved in its successful management and control. It attracted many from out of town to view this healthy activity. As I walked the rec trail Sunday morning, the place was so clean it was hard to believe so many people had been there the day before. Much credit is due the event's directors and our PWD for things being so tidy. The only snag was that the police ticketed every spectator's auto in town. Perhaps the Chief, recognizing this event's potential sales tax, could consider recommending amnesty for those autos next year.

Combat boots. I saw a woman somewhere recently, nicely dressed in a blouse and skirt with her feet planted in a pair of brightly polished regulation Army combat boots. I said, in a loud voice to the guy next to me, "Aw, your mother wears GI boots." That's how guys used to insult guys on the school playground. She laughed. And I went away feeling terribly lost among today's fashion icons.

Tax exempt gender? Recently the House voted against sanctioning marriages between humans of the same sex. I'm not yet convinced that one's emotional or physical attraction for the same sex is learned behavior; it's probably a genetic pre-disposition.

We don't go around attempting to legislate what other species do with themselves. Where does our Constitution provide for legislation

affecting the tax consequences of personal relationships among our taxpayers, who pay the salaries of the goofs we send to Congress?

Change. We have some people here in Brigadoon by the Bay who are terrified of change. One of their fears is the loss of plants and trees here that are unable to survive.

Take the Menzies wallflower. It's the dessert of choice among the Grove's urban deer herd. Like the dinosaur, the wallflower can't survive its competition with hungry deer.

The plant, by all rights, ought to be extinct. But the anti-Darwin group won't accept the notion that it's time here may be past due unless, of course, we want to get rid of the deer.

There's a biologist at Asilomar State Park we pay to spend fruitless time attempting to plant and nurture the wallflower over in the dunes; more deer fodder. He has testified on behalf of those opposed to construction of homes on private land that would diminish the space available for the wallflower to grow.

All of these people make up a powerful lobby against any change that they imagine (besides the deer which they do not protest) will threaten this hapless flower. If the dinosaur had such a lobby we might today all be up to our armpits in giant piles of poop.

Monarchs are back. I spotted one in my front yard Sunday, September 22, majestically loopy. The Monarch, not me.

Elections. Residents of the Grove have another opportunity, again, to bring some new people to public office with practical thinking and the courage to plan and make decisions at the dias from staff recommendations, rather than micro manage city government plurally by committee. With continued inflation, limited retail sales growth, and aging assets our city needs imaginative and businesslike leadership, planning and promotion.

The founding fathers of the Pacific Grove Retreat were self-righteous, conformist, and obsessed with control over what people in their community did and what they thought.

With a shortsighted preoccupation with correct thinking, they didn't keep up with the water supply, the sewers and the streets and their little operation went bankrupt, causing them to lose real estate and to become indebted to David Jacks, who financed their purchase of Pacific Grove.

Eventual incorporation and secular development of a commercial center paid the bills for social and civic progress.

Enlightened city management involves protecting its inventory of productive resources that can generate the constant renewal needed for the survival of an aging Victorian community.

This election, look for people who can independently make decisions that can result in something more than just looking backward into preservation of the past. The future is accelerating at a faster and faster rate. Our little "city of homes," like Brigadoon, can't retreat from the present into a fantasy world of its own, unaffected by life on earth.



SUBSCRIBERS' EDITION - MILESTONES



Ernestine and Anthony Li

Obituaries

ERNESTINE JEANNE LI, 69, Pacific Grove, died from a stroke September 13 at Community Hospital.

Born July 29, 1927 in Manchester, NH, she lived in Pacific Grove for the past 22 years and was owner of Creative Crafts in Pacific Grove for 17 years.

She received her bachelor degree in biology from St. Mary's College and her masters in fine arts from The American University in Washington D.C.

She served in the Navy as a Lt. for three years, from 1953 to 1956.

Mrs. Li was a member of St. Angela's Catholic Church, where she was a Eucharistic Minister and was treasurer of the Catholic Daughters. She was an ambassador for the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce and a certified professional demonstrator for Hobby Industry of America. She was a member of Waves National, a veterans organization.

Survivors include her husband of 38 years, Anthony C. Li of Pacific Grove, sons, Anthony J. Li of Sunnyvale and Christian F. Li of Pamona; brother Jean J. Provose of Rockford, MD; sister Francoise Bineau of Tampa; and two grandchildren. In June of this year, Mrs. Li travelled to see China for the first time, accompanied by her husband, both sons and her daughter-in-law Lisa Bourgeault.

Burial was at San Carlos Catholic Cemetery.

RONALD WILLIAM COBLEY, 50, Pacific Grove, died September 10 at Cooper Point, near Molera State Park, Big Sur.

Born January 16, 1946 in New York City, Cobley was a family counselor, marathon runner and surfer. He lived in Pacific Grove for 26 years. He apparently took his own life.

Cobley attended Westminster Prep School in Simsbury CT and Lawrence University in Appleton WI.

He was a volunteer with Interim, Planned Parenthood and the Rape Crisis Center. He also worked with local schools and was an avid student of the Spanish Language and culture.

Survivors include his wife Joey

Cobley, son Will Cobley and daughter Rachel Cobley, all of Pacific Grove; sister Carol Bozman and mother Jean Cobley, both of Baltimore.

A memorial service was held earlier this month at Berwick Park.

The family suggests contributions in his memory to Interim or to the Surfrider Foundation.

DEVIN XAVIER YOUNG, 25, formerly of Pacific Grove and Monterey, died September 15 in Atlanta, Georgia from injuries received as a passenger in an auto accident.

Born March 24, 1971 in Carmel, he was a licensed pharmacist, played on varsity baseball and hockey teams in high school and continued to enjoy basketball, fishing and boating. He graduated last year from the University of Connecticut with a bachelors degree in Pharmacy.

Survivors include is mother, Kathy Austin Maida, Monterey; father, Barry Young, New Milford, CT; step-father, Frank Maida, Monterey; stepbrother and stepsister, Joe and Rachel Maida, Monterey; maternal grandmother, Camilla Austin, Monterey; paternal grandmother, Bernice Young, New Milford, CT; and numerous other relatives.

Memorial services for family and friends will be held, tomorrow, Saturday, September 28, 2 pm, at Paul Mortuary in Pacific Grove.

The family suggest contributions to the Devin Young Memorial Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 1283, Milford, CT 06776 or to the donor's favorite charity.

Unless otherwise noted, all funeral arrangements s were handled by Paul Mortuary, Pacific Grove.

Births

SARAH ABIGAIL SIREs, a daughter born September 8, 1996 to Jim and Ann Sire, Monterey.

MARK ALEXANDER RIEDEL, a son born September 11, 1996 to Curt and Lori Riedel, Monterey.

On the blotter

from the files of PGPD

DOMESTIC - 700 block Hillcrest, disturbance reported between man, wife and stepsons. Door punched in.

DOMESTIC - 100 block 19th St, boyfriend and girlfriend in dispute involving guns, alcohol, woman arrested for public intoxication.

DOMESTIC - 200 block 8th, husband and wife disturbance, husband gone before police arrived.

DOMESTIC - 1200 block Miles, report of mother and daughter disturbance. No merit.

CURFEW - Carrow's parking lot, three kids, 17, taken to station at 11 pm after having previously been warned about curfew. Found with alcohol.

DOMESTIC - 700 block Hillcrest, couple in process of divorce.

CIVIL - 200 block 17th, dispute over nail job in manicure shop.

POT - 1000 block Forest, 11-year-old says three or four juveniles offered to sell him marijuana as he walked home from school.

BUYERS' REMOSE - 1100 block Forest, subject made purchase from phone solicitation, then became worried. He was advised to cancel order and stop payment of check.

DISPUTE - 1100 Seaview Avenue, ongoing problem between neighbors.

DISURBANCE - 1000 block Forest, two intoxicated people reportedly causing disturbance on patio.

TRAFFIC - 100 block Ocean View Blvd., past tense hit and run.

FALSE ALARM - Asilomar & Ocean View Blvd., report of possibly sick sea lion on rocks. No problem.

CAR WASHER - 600 block Pine, neighbor complaining that her toilet won't work because neighbor is using water to wash car. Toilet checked by officer and all OK.

FEEDER - PG Cemetery, report of tourist feeding deer.

FOUND - 1300 block Ocean View Blvd. Citizen flags down officer to turn in wallet found in tidepool at 1600 block Sunset.

NOISE - 400 block 7th, neighbor reports loud construction-like noises at 4:30 am.

NOISE - 400 block 6th, neighbor reports loud construction-like noises at 4:40 am.

PARTY - 900 block Sinex, loud party reported, which officers shut down and stand by while all guests leave. One juvenile cited for alcohol and peace disturbance.

LOST BALL - 800 block Jewell, resident reports golfers damage plants while searching for errant golf ball.

THEFT - 300 block Laurel, bike stolen from garage.

MISCHIEF - Golf Course, juveniles making obscene gestures.

NOISE - 100 block 12th St, man has ongoing problem with alleged noise coming from chimney of grove building.

DOMESTIC - 700 block Spruce, spousal battery.

NOISE - 400 block Lighthouse, person reported being bothered by loud exhaust fan.

RV OK - 700 block Ocean View Blvd.,

resident complains that RV is blocking view. Advised that RV was legally parked.

MINE! - 400 block Lighthouse, heated dispute between two parties, each bidding on same item at Auction House.

GO PLAY IN THE STREET - 1100 block Del Monte Ave., parents coned off the roadway for their children. Advised they should not do it again. They agreed.

A FRIEND INDEED - 900 block Walnut, man taken to sober friend's home after found intoxicated.

BUCKLE UP - 500 block Pine, juvenile arrested on DUI, transported to MPD for breathalyzer, booked, released.

FIRE - Maple & Walnut, structure fire.

JUST SHOOTIN' THE BEANS - Washington Park, report of juvenile mischief reveals kids shooting beans into the woods from an old-fashioned, homemade slingshot. Interrogated, released.

INJURY - 1300 block David, cyclist hits bump in road and is injured during the crash.

ARREST - 600 block Forest, woman arrested for domestic violence, spousal battery.

DOMESTIC - 700 block Sinex, domestic disturbance.

SANCTUARY VIOLATION - 12th & Ocean View Blvd., repeat violation by subject removing rocks from beach to build a castle.

QUACKER - 100 block Laurel, citizen reports a wild duck will not leave her yard. Police persuaded duck to go away.

IT'S JUST A GAME - 1100 block Jewell, women playing bridge turned in for being too loud.

BANDIT - 500 block Congress, report of subject with baseball bat found to be defending his dog from raccoons that were eating his dog's food.

JUVENILE - 100 block Country Club Gate, 15-year-old boy warned over possession of tobacco products.

DOMESTIC - 200 block Grove Acres, male arrested for domestic violence, held for bail.

THEFT - Asilomar Beach, vehicle window smashed, purse stolen.

DOMESTIC - 400 block 10th St., male taken into custody for domestic violence, later released when police determine it was the female who was the primary aggressor.

OUT OF PLACE - 500 block Laurel, citizen comes into station to report suspicious man with a mohawk, leather jacket, large club, walking in area.

GARAGE SALE - 400 block 8th, report of illegal garage sale, no merit; person had a permit.

DUI - 1200 block Ocean View Blvd., juvenile stopped for seat belt violation results in DUI arrest.

VANDALISM - PG High School, administrative office window smashed, attempted arson.

IN THE ACT - Arena at Sunset, vehicle burglary interrupted by officers.

DISPUTE - 200 block Fountain, 34-year-old reported "having temper tantrum" and trying to punch the reporting subject.

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BUSINESS NEWS

other people's business

Cruise ships. The City of Monterey has extended an invitation to the City of Pacific Grove to discuss the benefits of cruise ships visiting the Monterey Peninsula. The Cruising America Coalition, of which the PG Chamber is now a member is taking steps to amend the century-old Passenger Services Act, which is critical to attracting cruise business to Monterey.

The luxury passenger ship "Seabourn" anchored in the Bay three weeks ago. Tom Maudlin, PG's retired police chief, reportedly trained the pilot who brought the ship into anchor.

Connie Perry, Acting President, Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce, told the Beacon how Judy Camp of Destination Marketing had successfully contracted with the cruise line to port here in Monterey Bay two times a year and they plan to be back in the Spring of 1997.

As a representative of the Chamber, Connie arrived early on the morning of the ship's arrival, Sept. 4, to set up tables of materials, along with representatives of the Monterey Visitor and Convention Bureau. She gave out maps, brochures, and videos on Pacific Grove.

The Seabourn had tenders going back and forth with groups of passengers. Shuttle buses were then provided to drive them wherever they wanted to go.

Scheduled outings included breakfast at the Aquarium and a tour, including the Outer Bay wing; golf at the Peter Hays course; a drive through Pebble Beach on 17 Mile Drive by way of Pacific Grove's Ocean View Blvd. and Sunset Drive; then shopping and lunch in Carmel.

Perry reports that both the Monterey and PG Chambers of Commerce are joining to bring about a change in laws which restrict foreign ships in US ports.

Business owners seminar. Planning for retirement will be the subject of a special seminar for business owners in Pacific Grove scheduled 8:30am Thursday, October 10. Sponsored by Great Western Bank and the PG Chamber of Commerce, the presentation will occur in the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, Forest and Central Avenues. Seating is limited, so please RSVP with Clarissa 373-2904.

Employment law. Employment issues and challenges facing every business manager will be discussed Wednesday, morning

October 2, by nationally recognized employment law expert attorney Richard J. Simmons. A question and answer period will follow. The event will be held from 7:30am to 12:30 pm at the Monterey Conference Center. \$50 admission. More info from Barbara Callway at Norell Staffing Services, 424-3235.

Bagel Bakery. This popular bagel chain, started 20 years ago on Forest Hill in Pacific Grove, is still observing its anniversary celebration. Stores in PG and New Monterey sold 20 cent birthday bagels September 20.

The company's new Pacific Grove store scheduled to open in October in the Fairway Shopping Center on Forest Avenue, next to Coast Hardware.

Antique Center. A flyer being circulated by Nader Agha, owner of the Holman building, has announced the opening, November 15, of the International Antique Center of Pacific Grove. Designed to solicit tenants, the brochure advertises rents as low as \$1.75 per square foot in a complex of

noncompeting businesses occupying spaces from 100 to 1,000 square feet. Occupancy is to begin November 1 to allow time for dealers to prepare their shops for the holiday season. In addition to rents, dealers will pay and 8 percent sales commission to owner of the building. An in-house auction service will be held every two to three months.

Cathy Cress, president of Cresscare Case Management for Elders, with offices in Pacific Grove and San Jose, received the Rose Kleiner Award from the Western Chapter of the National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers at the chapter's annual conference in Denver. Cress matched the \$250 award and donated \$500 to Legal Services for Seniors in Pacific Grove.

Alpha Stationers, Forest Avenue, sponsored a back-to-school rebate on the cost of student school supplies by offering PGUSD schools a rebate on all items purchased between August 1 and September 1. The rebate will be distributed on or about October 1. Purchasers of school supplies were asked what school they attended, and Alpha compiled sales accordingly, issuing a check for 10% of purchases to each school. Doug DeYoung, owner of Alpha Stationers, hopes other community businesses will eventually participate in the program.

Success seminars in Oct. for new business

If you are an entrepreneur planning to go into business for yourself, a series of business planning seminars has been put in motion by the Economic Development Corporation of Monterey County.

"Planning your Business for Success" is the first scheduled Wednesday, October 2, 8am - 1pm, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Seaside.

Call 754-6807 for details. These seminars are co-sponsored by Monterey County Bank, First National Bank, Green, Wriedt & Jeepsersen, Accountancy, Noland, Hamerly, Etienne & Hoss, Attorneys, and KSMS-TV in cooperation with the Chambers of Commerce of Pacific Grove, Monterey, Marina, Sand City and Seaside.

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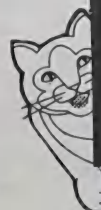


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The Centrella Inn, then and now

by Sally Hekkers

The year was 1889. Benjamin Harrison was president, free mail delivery to the home began and the Eastman Kodak Company introduced the hand camera as a simple, snap-shooting device.

In Pacific Grove, the Centrella Cottage began its first century as a premier boarding house on Seventeenth Street. Imagine the guests in the cozy parlor of that grand Victorian structure tapping their toes to the tune of "The Thunderer" and dreaming of true love to the haunting melody of "O Promise Me."

Those were the days, maybe even "the good old days." The tiny village of Pacific Grove was coming into its own as something more than the revered site of the annual pilgrimage of the Methodists to the coats.

Built by Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Beighle, the Centrella mirrored the growth of the small town. New rooms, towers, porches and cottages were added; street improvements brought about an address change to 612 Central Avenue. Indeed, the three-story Victorian house was in vogue.

Fancy the boarders gathered for breakfast and supper. Did they share stories of relatives gone to war? Did they have strong opinions about the rules and regulations that governed Pacific Grove: no alcohol, dancing, fast buggy driving or bathing at the beach without costume?

After the evening meal, envision the Centrella's residents gathered around the fireplace to listen to their favorite music, selections like "Down by the Old Mill Stream" (1910), "Broadway Rose" (1920), "Embraceable You" and "Georgia on my Mind" (1930) and "The Last Time I Saw Paris" (1940).

Ownership changes over the decades from the Beighles, to Marie Johansen, then to Rose Stevens. In 1953, the Centrella was purchased by Vera and Forrest Franklin and their two young daughters. Now the Centrella served as the Franklin family headquarters as well as a boarding house.

The history of the house records a bit of a scandal when a boarder - in town to demonstrate cosmetics at Holman's Department Store - hung her underwear in a front window to dry, much to the chagrin of another lodger.

Eventually the guest rooms were converted to efficiency apartments and the Franklins moved out and left the property in charge of various managers. The beloved Victorian landmark hit the skids and became more of a hardscrabble flop house than the desirable rooming house of yesteryear.

Oh, if the walls of the Victorian landmark could talk. What would they say about the contentious years of the 1960's and '70's? Did the parlor-talk focus on political assassinations, civil rights, Vietnam, Watergate and the influence of drugs on youth? Did, in fact, the boarders of those years even gather to talk, except when one of Pacific Grove's finest was called to respond to a disturbance?

Did the music - "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother," "Bridge Over Troubled Water," "Me & Bobby McGee" - reflect the mood of the Centrella's tenants? Imagine listening to the lonely refrain of "Help Me Make It Through the Night"

eerily playing over and over in the dead of night from a room on the top floor.

Change, however, was afoot. The Centrella was for sale. The prospectus teased would-be buyers with these phrases: "It awaits the wise investor to renew its Victorian charm... and would welcome someone willing to restore the building to its earlier graciousness."

Along came Joseph Megna and Gary Jones, two enthusiastic investors armed with the patience to see the Centrella through a \$1 million top-to-bottom renovation. The Megna and Jones families and the venerable Maxwell Brogan, a family friend, pledged to restore the historical landmark beyond even its early, quaint splendor; and did.

The newly refurbished Centrella Hotel reopened to the public in 1982, this time designated a turn-of-the-century bed and breakfast inn.

The Victorian guest rooms, each with its own bathroom, and decorated in a Laura Ashley motif; period wallpaper and lighting fixtures repeat the Victorian flavor; and select pieces of antique furniture are placed just so. A well-tended English garden connects the cottages to the main house. With its 19

rooms, two second-floor suites, two attic suites, five cottages and the new Honeymoon Hideaway, the Centrella is regaled as a pleasant, way station in the journeys of its guests.

The detailed renovation efforts have been rewarded. The Centrella is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has received awards given by the American Hotel and Motel Association including a First Place for Excellence in Design of a Guest Room.

Now in its second century of existence, what is today's parlor-talk? Politics, literature, travels and family news, of course, and shared memories of previous visits to the Centrella Hotel. Fresh, home-baked cookies tempt weary travelers upon arrival. At the well-appointed morning breakfast buffet and the afternoon repast of hors d'oeuvres and beverages, music is ever present.

Handel's "Largo," Listz's "Liebestraum" and Bach's "Barcorolle" and other time-honored classics fill the air. As guest gather in the charming old parlor, perhaps this fleeting though occurs to them; that memories of this moment on this day may in time be regarded as "the good old days."

Club corner

by Nadine Annand

Looking back over summer activities, Lighthouse Keepers concluded the annual summer barbecue was just about the best yet. Started years back for those who stayed in town, the event has proven

fun for all. Judy Furman and the same capable crew of barbecue experts provided the excellent food with Bingo providing the fun and — for some — a few pennies. Out of towners reporting on summer activities included Fern Davis who recounted a big family reunion outside of Reno; Harriett Johansen who told of he annual stay with Cliff in Hawaii, and Erma Dinkel and myself, who took in the great musical treat Alabama in Paso Robles. Next on the agenda for the October meeting is a program to be presented by a French artist with Gay Millette as chairman.

STILL A VILLAGE. The Pacific Grove Residents Association invites the public to a Hometown Festival and Flea Market on Saturday, September 28, from 10 am to 2 pm. The sale will be held at Robert Down school yard with proceeds to benefit PG youth. Call 372-8854 for information or to reserve a sales place. Jake Stock and the Abalone Stompers will be featured during the day and plenty of games and diversions are promised for the kids.

ALTRUSA AGAIN. September has been a busy month for Altrusa International of the Monterey Peninsula. A recent potluck picnic and auction for members and guests at the home of Mary Ann Marschik, club recording secretary, was a welcome break in the club calendar. Club President Diane Johnson has spearheaded the participation in the Macy's Day Results to be announced shortly. Altrusa will also take part again in Meals on Wheels Bazaar in November offering crafts and goodies. Small in number, but big in ideas and community events, Altrusa of the Monterey Peninsula is representative of the goals of the oldest women's service organization in the United States, now also international.



Daniel Koffman

Give Peace A Chance -- The personal efforts of Pacific Grove resident Daniel Koffman have brought international recognition of his Flag of Peace and Freedom Project, now in its 9th year. On Sept. 17, the International Day of Peace, the flag, was raised at the Koffman's (Daniel and Mayor Sandra) Pacific Grove home, in conjunction with its raising in 16 countries, where he has provided the flag at no cost. Supervisor Sam Karas has lauded the effort, sponsoring a resolution making a local commitment to a global peace initiative.



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Betty Jensen, Kappa Alpha Theta, of Pebble Beach, left, Marguerite Perssow, Alpha Chi Omega, Monterey, and Bernice Imlay, Delta Delta Delta, Pebble Beach, at the Panhellenic fall cocktail party on Sept. 15 at the home of Carl and Patty Paulsen, Alpha Chi Omega, in Monterey. Jane Nelson, President of Monterey Bay Area National Alumnae Panhellenic, reports National Panhellenic Council Chairman Jean Scott will give a view of the future of the Greek system for local members on Oct. 12 at a luncheon meeting at Casanova Restaurant, Carmel. She's a past alumnae president of Pi Beta Sorority.

Pebble Beach benches benefit schools

Pacific Grove schools will benefit from a new program announced by Pebble Beach Company and PG PRIDE.

Eleven commemorative benches — one at each of the PG school bus stops within Del Monte Forest — will go to the highest bidders, with a minimum bid of \$2,500 per bench. All contributions are tax deductible.

Vice President Mark Verbonich and Environmental Education and Outreach Manager Gene Fryberger reported all costs — administrative, material and

labor — are being donated by Pebble Beach Company, so the full value of the sponsorships will be forwarded to public schools in Pacific Grove.

All sealed bids must be returned to Pebble Beach Company Community Affairs Department by 5 pm, Friday, Oct. 11.

For further information and a sealed bid application call Sherry Howard at 625-8420. Questions may also be directed to Jane Durant Jones, Chairman of PG PRIDE, at 645-4754.

Slice of Life

by Elaine Breen

Morning Coming Down

I try to rise at six-fifteen, eat a few cashews, put on my sweats, and be on the way to Lover's Point by six thirty. It's the time when houses are beginning to get lights in the kitchens, looking expectant. I want to get to "my bench" before the sun rises.

A dark young seal swims swiftly from rock to rock looking for a perch. He tries to climb on one already occupied by a big gray and white harbor seal and she says, "Off, ulfish oaf!" and he offs. He explores a couple of unoccupied rocks but he wants company. He climbs quickly up to a low ledge beneath the "King of the Rock" who barks, "Do not go one step higher, my friend, or you are blubber." The young seal settles down, his beginning and end drooping, but content to be on the same rock as the King.

I reach my bench and sit, though it's pretty wet, and look for otters. I never see otters if I have seen a lot of seals. I doubt there is a scientific reason for this; it's just my law.

Sometimes I am rewarded with an otter up close. I can see the cracking of the shell and the eating. Foggy mornings are best: seeing ghost ships stealing out, feeling mist on my face. Overcast days are the rule but now

we are having some sunny mornings and the sun peaked over the hills at ten till seven this morning. The sun spreads a gossamer, gold, lacy shawl across the



ocean, kissing it awake. Then comes the brilliant, gold-shot path clear across the bay. "Get up, lazybones!" I get up and turn toward home, away from the sun.

The sea gulls at Lovers Point are having a PTA meeting on the untouched beach, their narrow six foot shadows scooting ahead of them. Some run toward the front to hear the speaker. I pass the man with the rosary.



"Say one for me." I call out. I call hello to Lydia and to Ray, to Marlene and to Margaret, to Wesley (not yet two who calls to me, "Hi, Lady") and his mom, Martha.

I am looking forward to tea, melon and bagels. (Do not put chocolate chips on melon. They curl up and shiver. Fine melted on bagels though.)

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Featuring photography and paintings. Check About Town for scheduled shows. (In back of the Camera Exchange). 551 Lighthouse Avenue 373-0448



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about town

Ice Cream Social. Public is invited from 6:30 to 8pm at the Forest Grove School Cafeteria Friday, September 27 for an ice-cream eating school fundraiser. An all you can eat Sundae Bar featuring hot fudge, caramel, fresh strawberry and raspberry toppings, whipped cream and nuts. Admission is \$4 per person or, get this, free for your entire family if you pay \$25 to join the "Tub Club" which includes drawing tickets for four passes to Disneyland or dinner for two at Club 19, the Lodge at Pebble Beach. Tickets at the door.

Helcio Milito Trio plays Brazilian and American Jazz every Thur. - Sun. from 7-11pm in the Lobby Lounge, the Inn at Spanish Bay. Live music is also featured nightly, except Monday, at the Bay Club



Pacific Grove Dining Guide

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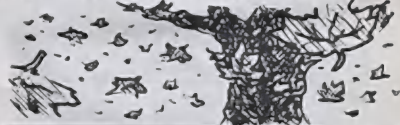
from 7-10:30pm. Harpist Juli Alexander plays Tue, Wed, Thur, & Sun. Guitarist Robert McNamara plays Fri. and Sat.

Look Through My Window, an exhibit of quilts by quilt artist Mary Ellen Parsons, will be featured October 12 through November 20 at Back Porch Fabrics and Gallery, 157 Grand Avenue, Pacific Grove. A reception for the artist will be held Saturday, October 12 from 2-4pm.

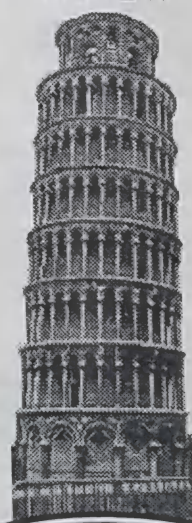
Monterey Co. Symphony opens its 55th season Saturday, September 28, at Sherwood Hall, Salinas, with a cabaret-style pops concert featuring music director and conductor Clark Suttle and the orchestra performing Gershwin's American in Paris, and vocalist Mimi Manners with songs by Arlen, Kern, and Gershwin. Pianist Dubravka Tomsic will play Tchaikovsky's First Piano Concerto. Call 624-8511 for ticket info.

Live music is featured every evening except Monday from 7-10pm at the Bay Club in Spanish Bay. Harpist Juli Alexander plays Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sundays. Guitarist Robert McNamara plays on Friday and Saturday. No cover charge for music and valet parking is complimentary. The Inn at Spanish Bay, 647-7500.

Del Monte Forest Legacy, an exhibit chronicling a century of stewardship of the Peninsula's largest forest on private land, portions of which have been kept in a natural state through pioneering balanced use planning by Samuel F.B. Morse and ongoing preservation and restoration efforts of the Pebble Beach Company. The exhibit highlights natural habitats ranging from marine, flora, fauna and trees. Open through October 20, 10am - 5pm Tue-Sun., Museum of Natural History, Central and Forest, Pacific Grove. Admission free.



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Vehicle Gallery. "Otterly motor sport surrealist paintings" by Lola Disco Volante and photographs by Lola Disco Volante and Spyder McLaren are on exhibit now through September 30 in the "Temple of Zoom" the photo gallery located in the Camera Exchange, 551 Lighthouse Avenue.

Pacific Grove Art Center. September/October exhibits continue:

Gill Gallery: Seventh Annual Patrons' Show - Works donated by friends of the Pacific Grove Art Center will be awarded to winners of a drawing to be held Saturday, October 12 at 2pm. Tickets for the drawing are \$45. Number of tickets sold will equal the number of art works donated. Owners of winning tickets drawn will have their choice of any one of the donated works not previously claimed. Everyone who buys a ticket will receive an original work of art. Visitors to the exhibition will be invited to vote for their favorite work and a prize will be awarded to the donor of the winning piece.

Dyke & Boyer Galleries: "Black on White" - juried competition of black and white works. \$100 awards for *Best of Show* and *People's Choice*.

Photo Gallery: Jazz photographer Will Wallace: "Con Alma," photo exhibit, dedicated to Dizzy Gillespie.

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Museum Lecture. "History of Golf in Del Monte Forest" is the topic to be discussed by Neal Hotelling at 2pm Sunday October 6 in the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, corner of Central Avenue and Forest. Admission free.

Vandon Collection. The 6th Year Anniversary Celebration is set for Saturday, Oct. 5, 10 am - 6 pm, featuring a series of glass-blowing videos and a Glass Paperweight Exhibit by Robert Stephan, Glass Eye Studios, Tebecca Stewart, and Lundberg Studios. 10% off everything. Refreshments will be served. The glass show runs from Oct. 3 to Nov. 3 at 650 Lighthouse Ave., #120, Pacific Grove. Call 655-8205 for further information.

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Beginning with this issue, the Beacon is now being delivered to locations in Monterey and Carmel, promoting community events and shopping opportunities in The Last Home Town. This press run is 13,000 copies.

As you will notice in this issue, Beacon subscribers will receive an additional eight full pages of local news and photos. Subscribers will continue to receive their enhanced issue of the Beacon by mail on Fridays.

With the next issue, non subscribers of the Beacon may obtain copies at businesses and newsstands where the paper traditionally has been placed.

The change was made to satisfy the specific interests of subscribers and non-subscribers, while giving advertisers broader circulation on the Peninsula. The change will also conserve newsprint for those readers willing to subscribe for more news.

Free set of horned owls at A Wild Celebration

Several lucky people will get the chance to set free Great Horned Owls at a charity event benefiting the Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Center at the SPCA of the Monterey County on Sunday, Oct. 6.

Taking part in the release of the majestic owls is just one of the many items up for bid at A Wild Celebration at Holman Ranch, Carmel Valley, from 3 to 6 pm. And while the event benefits the animals, humans will enjoy gourmet foods, fine wines, auction items and door prizes. They will browse through the art show and sale, then get ready to bid at the silent auction. In addition to the Great Horned Owl release, nearly 200 items are up for grabs, including AT&T Pro Am passes, Quail Lodge golf packages, restaurant certificates and getaways such as roundtrip airfare to Las Vegas.

A Wild Celebration is sponsored by Friends of Monterey County Wildlife, an auxiliary of The SPCA of Monterey County. This dedicated group raises funds to help with the rehabilitation and release of the 3,000 injured or orphaned wild animals that are rescued by The SPCA each year.

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Wizard of Oz supports Butterfly Kids of PG

A benefit performance of *The Wizard of Oz* will be presented by the Rated "G" Players to help raise money for the Butterfly Kids statue by sculptor Christopher Bell.

The event is Oct. 5, 7:30 pm at the Robert Down School Auditorium. Rated G will donate 100% of profits to The Friends of the Arts for the statue.

Rated "G" Productions, a new theatre company in Pacific Grove, will present a cast of talented children, mainly from Pacific Grove, aged 5-15. The classic American play is based on the original movie version adapted to stage.

Co-producers of Rated "G" Productions, Carolyn Hylton and Carrie Glenn, a mother-daughter team who both grew up in Pacific Grove, say they are "thrilled to be involved" in the project.

"As we are a new business in Pacific Grove," says Carrie, "this is our way to contribute to the arts and the needs of our community."

Tickets are on sale now for donations of \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors and children and are available at: As Is, 301 Grand Ave., J. Ballard & Son Upholstering, 301 Fountain Avenue; Fandango Restaurant, 223 17th St., The Friends of the Arts, or by calling 375-3787.

"The butterfly parade is special to us," says Carolyn, "because our family has marched in the parade for three generations. I marched in the 50s, my daughter and partner, Carrie, marched in the 70s, and now my granddaughter, Jessica (who's playing Brigitte Blackbird in the play) has carried on the tradition in the 90s. So, it is very exciting to participate in such a worthwhile event."

"Over the Rainbow" is sung by Stacy Jordan as Dorothy; The Scarecrow is played by Megan Alldis, with Brooke Petitt as Tingirl and Kyle Woolsey as the Cowardly Lion; Christian Pollock plays the little dog, Toto and the Wizard of Oz by Nika Obydzinski. All are helped by the Good Witch, Glenda, played by Cindy Blackman, and hindered by the Wicked Witch of the West, played by Lianna Petitt.

The sculpture will be placed in front of the Pacific Grove Post office in honor of the children who have marched to welcome the monarch butterflies for over 70 years.

"Lions, tigers and bears ... Oh my!" Megan Alldis, Stacy Jordan and Brooke Petitt, featured in the October 5 benefit performance of *Wizard of Oz* at Robert Down School.

See page 20 for an update on the sculpture and fundraising efforts.

Retired teachers share interests, memories

A luncheon has been set for Saturday, October 12, for all retired Pacific Grove teachers. The no-host event begins a noon at Baylee's Restaurant, 1120 Light-house, and may lead to more events reflecting the interests of retired teachers.

"I am really enjoying my retirement, but I find I miss seeing long-time colleagues," Jessie Bray said when several former teachers met recently for coffee.

Those planning to attend the luncheon or who would like more information should contact Karen Ackerman at 372-2306, Lynn Rambach at 643-1426, or Dorothy Messner at 375-4044.

Eco-Corps workday tomorrow morning

A Monarch Grove work party is scheduled by the Pacific Grove Eco-Corps at 10am Saturday, September 28 at the Sanctuary. Weeding and watering are on tap. Bring gloves & trowels. Coffee & donuts will be served. Call 373-6949 or 375-2140 for more info.

Weed-pulling plus at Adult Ed workday

An Adult Education Work Day is set for tomorrow, Sept. 28, from 10 am to 3 pm at the PG Adult School, 1025 Light-house.

Staff, friends and other volunteers will be pulling weeds and beautifying the adult Education campus.



MUNCHKINLAND -- Soon to be starring in the benefit performance of *The Wizard of Oz* are (left to right, front row) Tasha Irvin and Rachel Walker, of Pacific Grove, Stacy Jordan of Pebble Beach, Christian Pollock of Carmel, and Jessica Glenn, Christopher Johnson, Katie Heinbaugh, Emily Armstrong, and Lianna Petitt, all of Pacific Grove. In the back row, left to right, Cindy Blackman, Aaron Walker, Nika Obydzinski, Megan Alldis, Brooke Petitt, Kyle Woolsey and Gwyneth Alldis, all of Pacific Grove.

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Lack of volunteers may shut down Pony League games

by Rick Rodewald

Pacific Grove Pony Baseball will not continue in the 1997 season unless volunteers step up to the plate.

The Pacific Grove Pony Baseball/Softball organization has been run totally by volunteers who contribute time to coaching, field preparation, concession sales, fund raising and many other areas of operation.

Core volunteers are assigned to one of 22 specific tasks. For example, one volunteer is responsible for managing concession stands at the ball parks. When handled appropriately, spectators enjoy food and refreshments at all of the concession stands. No volunteers, no concession stands.

During the past year, lack of volunteers necessitated that these 22 tasks be handled by only 12 volunteers, many of whom served in multiple capacities to ensure the children were given opportunities to participate in the program.

As preparations begin for the 1997 season, those who are interested in devoting some time to this worthwhile community service are needed. If the Pony League strikes out, baseball and softball programs will be conducted by the City Recreation Department, which may result in no Post Season play.

Individuals with enthusiasm and ideas, who can help to improve the baseball and softball experience for many children, are urged to attend a meeting set for Wednesday, Oct. 23, 7:30 pm at the Pacific Grove Community Center on Junipero Avenue. Current volunteers will explain various aspects of the Pony Baseball Organization so that prospective volunteers can see where they may help with their time, effort and ideas.

Call 375-7485 if you can help save the Pacific Grove Pony Organization.

Centennial celebration features success stories

Graduates of Pacific Grove High School, one from every quarter century, will be featured at the Centennial Celebration of the Pacific Grove Unified School District on Friday, Oct. 4, 4:30-5:30 pm in the PG Middle School Auditorium.

Jay Cobb, interim principal at the middle school, will host the event, open to the community, which includes the PG High Pep group leading in the singing of traditional school spirit songs, the introduction of several graduates, a birthday cake and ice cream.

The middle school auditorium was the original high school auditorium, built in 1931.

Call 646-6566 for more information.



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57th Butterfly parade on 12th

The 57th Annual Butterfly Parade returns to Pacific Grove on Saturday, Oct. 12 at 10:30am, followed by the Butterfly Bazaar.

Heralding the annual migration of monarch butterflies to the Monterey Peninsula, and parade features PG's kindergarten children dressed as monarchs.

Also included in the parade are costumed children from the Forest Grove and Robert Down elementary schools, private preschools, the Pacific

Grove High School Marching Band and the Pacific Grove Middle School Marching Band.

Beginning on Pine Avenue, the parade will proceed down Fountain Avenue, left on Lighthouse Avenue and left on 17th St. to Pine Avenue and conclude in front of Robert Down School where the Bazaar will begin immediately.

Food, games, prizes and a Country Store will be featured at the Bazaar. Proceeds will be shared by the school district's five PTAs.

Wax-to-bronze for butterfly sculpture

by Janis Cain

Christopher Bell's "Butterfly Kids" sculpture is at the foundry, evolving from wax to bronze, and is promised in Pacific Grove in time for the annual Butterfly Parade on Oct. 12. The life-size bronze depicts two kindergarten children in butterfly costumes waving to their parents and will be erected at the PG Post Office on Lighthouse and Congress.

"They still assure me it can be done in time, I'm a bit apprehensive," Bell told the Beacon this week. "I'm taking periodic trips down there (to Paso Robles) and saw that the mold took twice the amount of time estimated."

Bell previously made a gift to the City of his sea otter sculpture "Life at the Top," placed in Berwick Park.

Meanwhile, friends in the community are coming forward to help with the installation, including the Finklang family at Grove Homescapes, who will landscape PG Post Office planter with flowers known to attract butterflies.

Also, contractor Mike Miller, also an artist, is working on construction of a pedestal for the life-size sculpture, which he will produce at cost with material supplied by the City's Public

Works Department.

Bruce Singer, Friends of the Arts, is in the midst of a fund-raising effort to pay the estimated \$30,000 in expenses to create the bronze, which Bell has dedicated to the children of Pacific Grove.

Contributors who contribute up to \$99 will receive a certificate of appreciation; contributions of up to \$299 will also be invited to the unveiling ceremony; and those giving over \$300 will have their name included on a plaque at the Post Office. Contributors of \$850 will receive a miniature bronze version of the statue and, for \$1,000 the artist will personalize the headbands on a miniature bronze with the names of specific children.

Those wishing to made a contribution for the sculpture should address the envelope to Friends of the Arts, P.O. Box 1015, Pacific Grove, 93950.

"The sculpture is completely out of my control at this point," Bell noted. "But they (Metal Art in Paso Robles) have met my deadlines before. We plan to unveil it on Friday, Oct. 11, the day before the parade."

G, Gill and Gumbel among AT&T celebs

Tickets went on sale in early September for the 1997 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, scheduled for January 27 through February 2, to be played on Spyglass Hill, Poppy Hills and the famed Pebble Beach Golf Links.

Clint Eastwood, chairman of the board of the Monterey Peninsula Golf Foundation, the tournament's governing body, will tee it up with a host of celebrities and top golfers on the PGA Tour.

Country superstar Vince Gill has indicated he will be playing the '97 event, as will saxophonist Kenny G. Long-time participants Bryant Gumbel, Tommy Smothers, John Denver and many others have been issued their invitations to return to Pebble Beach.

The purse for 1997 has been increased to \$1.9 million, with a first prize of \$342,000, placing the AT&T in the top 10 percent of all tournament purses on the PGA Tour.

Beacon Horoscope

by Miss Jay

Libra. September 24 - October 23. Look back and smile. As you pass another milestone, your unflappable sense of self is envied by others.

Scorpio. October 24 - November 22. Someone close to you is struggling with classroom pressures. Consult an expert.

Sagittarius. November 23-December 21. A high-profile person seeks you out; just be yourself. Historic buildings are current affairs on your events-to-do list.

Capricorn. December 22 - January 20. Plans for a long weekend are temporarily confusing. If you can't compromise, define your limits and make a decision.

Aquarius. January 21 - February 19. A legal matter is back on the front burner. Ignorance is no excuse — and ignoring it won't make it go away.

Pisces. February 20 - March 20. Someone close has redefined commitment and you're still not sure if you agree. If the phone doesn't ring, it's him. Are we having fun yet?

Aries. March 21 - April 20. Open mouth, insert foot. It was big, it was bad, but you will be surprised at how quickly it blows over. A Capricorn shows true colors.

Taurus. April 21-May 21. Confidence will peak after current project is completed. Meanwhile, there's a lot to be said for pretending, just ask your Scorpio associate.

Gemini. May 22-June 21. Send a card to a Libra, but go directly to the telephone to contact the Virgo whose birthday you missed. Next time, check your list of priorities.

Cancer. June 22-July 23. Your tendency to over-do a good thing is catching up with your energy reserves. Pace yourself. Write a letter.

Leo. July 24 - August 23. Open your heart to the one who needs you most. Revelations, however unflattering, will bring you closer.

Virgo. August 24 - September 23. You have vowed to respect the "life is too short for...." theory and are now scheduling more time for yourself into every day.